

AGENDA  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011, 1:00 P.M.



Members: President Janet Neal, Vice President John B. Troost, 2nd Vice President John R. James, Treasurer Alexia Teran, Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelie-Parrish, Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Kecia Brook Weller, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

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17. Report by Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (Continued from the meeting of April 20, 2011.) (11-1575)
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## **Office of Affirmative Action Compliance**

### *Disability Civil Rights*

Reported by Angela Davis, Deputy Compliance Officer, to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities. Meeting held May 18, 2011.

#### **1. County of Los Angeles 2011-12 Recommended Budget**

“In the face of a continued sluggish economy, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka unveiled a 2011-12 balanced budget proposal totaling \$23.303 billion, which preserves critical services and avoids furloughs and layoffs.”

The Recommended Budget will result in Consolidations and Efficiencies that directed affect the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance, Disability Civil Rights Section.

“Although the County’s budget gap is too large to be balanced exclusively with consolidations and efficiencies,

our office continues to explore both areas as a means to generate ongoing and one-time savings while improving operations. We have identified opportunities where consolidation can be achieved to optimize organizational efficiencies. Our office is recommending that the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) be merged with the Department of Community and Senior Services. In addition, we are recommending that the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (OAAC) be consolidated within the Department of Human Resources. This consolidation also includes portions of OAAC merging with the Internal Services Department and the Chief Executive Office. The mergers, which will result in savings of \$0.5 million and the reduction of 14 budgeted positions (10 positions from OAAC and four (4) positions from DCA), will afford these newly configured units with greater access to resources, through allocation of services at community service centers, and continue to provide the public and County employees with more efficient and effective Services.”

2. The Disability Civil Rights Section (DCR) is continuing to work on its 2010-11 fiscal years goals. The current workload involves the continuation of the Readily Achievable Barrier Removal Plan involving addressing barriers in County departments to create and/or maintain accessibility for persons with disabilities. In recent years, the focus was primarily, to complete and/or update assessments of County facilities to determine the current state of accessibility; while, this fiscal year’s focus, generally, shifts to working closely with departments to develop strategies to implement methods for addressing barrier removal.
3. DCR collaborated with the Department of Parks and Recreation to draft an Interim Policy on the usage of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) in County facilities, specifically, the shared use trails.

4. DCR continues to work with the Department of the Registrar-Recorder in completing a barrier removal project. A new ramp is being constructed to abate some path of travel accessibility barriers.
5. DCR continues to work with the Department of Health Services in removing architectural barriers at the entrance of the Edward Roybal Comprehensive Health Center via the replacement of two entrance doors with automatic doors.
6. DCR continues to assess numerous Department of Mental Health, Public Health and Fire Department sites that had not, previously, been assessed for barriers for persons with disabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis      **Date:** May 18, 2011